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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6471**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 188**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 19, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Birth Problems Registry and Cancer Registry.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows the State Department of Health to record nonmalignant tumors and precancerous diseases in the Cancer Registry. The bill requires ambulatory outpatient surgical centers and health facilities to report to the Cancer Registry. It also allows the State Department to inspect certain patient records. The bill changes the date by which the State Department must publish an annual report to December 31.

The bill also includes autism and other neurological disorders as birth problems. It also removes stillbirth and low birth weight as defined birth problems for reporting purposes. It further changes the age at which a birth problem may be recognized in a child to five years of age.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Cancer Registry:* This bill expands the types of conditions that must be reported to the Cancer Registry to include precancerous conditions and nonmalignant tumors. It also expands the number of healthcare providers that are required to report to include outpatient surgery centers and nursing homes. The bill authorizes the Department of Health to have access to patient records relating to malignant disease, precancerous conditions, and other tumors. The bill also extends the period of time available for the Department to collect, analyze and publish the information collected the previous calendar year from July 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The State Department of Health reports that the requirements of the bill can be accomplished within the existing level of resources available.

*Birth problems Registry:* The bill eliminates birth weight and stillbirth as conditions that must be reported

to the Birth Problems Registry and adds autism and other neurological disorders. Birth weight and still birth are already reported to the Department through the vital records process. The bill also extends the time period for recognized birth problems to be reported from before a child reaches the age of 2 years to before a child reaches the age of 5 years. The State Department of Health reports that the requirements of the bill associated with the Birth Problems Registry can be accomplished within the existing level of resources available.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Background:* Currently, the Birth Problems Registry is funded by the fee revenue of \$2 collected for each birth certificate search. Fee revenue for the Birth Problems Registry is shown below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
FY 2001	\$ 66,740
FY 2002	\$ 66,596
FY 2003	\$ 71,430

The Department has grant funding for Birth Defects Surveillance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The three-year grant is budgeted for \$100,000 annually for FY 2004 and FY 2005.

The Department has grant funding for a Federally Enhanced Cancer Registry from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The grant is budgeted for \$880,457 annually for FY 2004 and FY 2005.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County-owned hospitals and nursing facilities would be required to report information and make records available for inspection on an as needed basis.

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